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**Classification Designation:  
351-206000**

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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**Prior Group Art Unit: 3737**

**REQUEST FOR FILING DIVISIONAL APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

This is a request for filing a divisional application under Rule 53(b) (37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)) of co-pending prior application Serial No. 09/818,996 filed March 27, 2001, entitled "METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR MEASURING LOCAL SCATTERING AND ABERRATION PROPERTIES OF OPTICAL MEDIA."

- ☒ 1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/818,996 as originally filed, including abstract, claims, specification, informal drawings, and inventors' declaration. The undersigned hereby verifies that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application as originally filed and identified above, that no amendments (if any) referred to in the declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are

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punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

(a) ☒ The inventorship is the same as prior Application Serial No. 09/818,996.

(b) ☐ Deletion of inventor(s). Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

(c) ☐ Priority of foreign patent application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(e). The certified copy:  
☐ is enclosed.

☐ has been filed in the prior Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 2. The Commissioner is requested to grant Applicants a filing date in accordance with Rule 1.53, and supply Applicants with a Notice of Missing Parts in due course, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 1.53(f).

☒ 3. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$385.00 to cover the filing fee as calculated below and the fee for any new claims added in the Preliminary Amendment referred to in Part No. 9 below.

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS CLAIMS CANCELED BELOW

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Basic Fee -----				\$385.00
Total Claims	9 - 20 =	0 X	\$9.00 =	\$ .00
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0 X	\$43.00 =	\$ .00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) -----				\$-0-.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEES:</b>				<b>\$385.00</b>
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- ☒ 4. Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status for this application.
- ☐ (a) A small entity statement is enclosed.
- ☒ (b) Small entity statements were filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired. Copies of two Declarations Claiming Small Entity Status are enclosed herewith, one executed on behalf of Board of Regents, The University of Texas System, and the other on behalf of Advanced Research and Technology Institute.
- ☐ (c) Small entity status is no longer claimed.
- ☒ 5. If the check is missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 which may be required for any reason relating to this application, or credit any overpayment to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTSK:357USD1/MCB.

- ☒ 6. Enclosed are copies of two current Powers of Attorney in the prior application, one executed on behalf of Board of Regents, The University of Texas System, and the other on behalf of Advanced Research and Technology Institute.
- ☒ 7. Address all future communications to:
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- ☒ 8. The prior application is presently assigned to Board of Regents, The University of Texas System, and Advanced Research and Technology Institute.
- ☐ 9. Enclosed is a preliminary amendment. Any additional fees incurred by this amendment are included in the check at No. 3 above and said fee has been calculated after calculation of claims and after amendment of claims by the preliminary amendment.
- ☒ 10. Cancel in this application claims 1-16 and 26-47 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained).
- ☒ 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a divisional of co-pending application Serial No. 09/818,996 filed March 27, 2001--.
- ☐ 12. Enclosed are formal drawings.
- ☐ 13. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed.
- ☐ (a) PTO-1449.
- ☐ (b) Copies of IDS citations.

- ☐ 14. Transfer the sequence information, including the computer readable form previously submitted in the parent application, Serial No.            filed            , for use in this application. **Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), Applicant states that the paper copy of the sequence listing in this application is identical to the computer readable copy in parent application Serial No.            filed            . Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), Applicant also states that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing.**
- ☒ 15. Other: Substitute Drawings as-filed in response to the Patent Office's Notice of Incomplete Reply in co-pending application Serial No. 09/818,996 on January 15, 2002.
- ☒ 16. Return Receipt Postcard (should be specifically itemized).

Respectfully submitted,

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